including petrol and petroleum products which is being enforced strictly. Enquiries made did not reveal existence of any such racket in the Armed Forces, as alleged. However, Service Headquarters have been again instructed to exercise strict vigil in this regard.

Shortage of Life Saving Drugs in AIIMS

3497. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the enquiry conducted consequent to the death of the wife of a resident doctor of AIIMS has revaeled inadequacy of equipments and life saving medicines in the casuality department of the institute; and

(b) the remedial measures taken so far in this regard and the result achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The enquiry conducted to know the circumstances leading to the death of the patient concluded that the death was due to cardiac arrhythmic, resulting from prehospital circulatory collepse. Subsequently, the Institute constituted two Committees to assess the adequecy of the equipments and the related facilities in the Casualy. Requisite measures to provide facilities in the Casualty were initiated immediately.

[Translation]

Less Quantity of Water in Canal in U.P.

3498. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether owing to release of less quantity of water in the canals in Uttar Pradesh crops of thousand of farmers have been destroyed and they are on the verge of starvation;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action to ensure release of adequate quantity of water in the canals for farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) Depending upon the actual availability of water, varying quantities of water are released through canals from time to time. Information regarding operation of canals is not kept at the Centre.

[English]

Forged Passport

3499. SHRI SUKHLAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the identification of some of the deceased, who died recently in an incident occured in Charkhi-Dadri in Haryana could not be done as their names and passports were forged;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to identify the actual passport holders; and

(c) the action taken against those travel agents who helped them for going abroad on the forged passports?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The main reason for difficulties in identification of the deceased, who died recently in the mid air collision of Saudi and Kazak Airlines near Charkhi-Dadri in Haryana, was due to severe mutilation/ charring of the bodies of the deceased. However, the possibility of some passengers having travelled on passports which were tampered after being issued by Passport Offices cannot be ruled out.

(b) Lists of those reportedly dead, provided by the immigration authorities, were immediately sent to the concerned Passport Officers for verification of passport particulars. The Passport Officers were also asked to obtain verification from local police authorities. The police authorities in Bihar, Delhi, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and UP are conducting enquiries and reports are awaited.

(c) Action against the errant travel agents, if any, is contingent upon the outcome of the enquiries being made.

World Bank Report on Family Welfare Programmes

3500. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI YELAIAH NANDI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a World Bank Report published in the Hindustan Times dated 9th September, 1996 has stated three major problems for hampering the successful implementation of the family welfare programme;

(b) if so, whether the Government has examined this Press Report in which the World Bank's observation on India's poor performance of family welfare programme has been mentioned;

(c) if so, whether Government has fully examined the views expressed by the World Bank Report; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) No such report has appeared in The Hindustan Times dated 9th September, 1996. However, the World Bank in its report "India's Family Welfare Programme : Towards a Reproductive and Child Heart Approach" has recommended reorientation of the family welfare programme to a Reproductive and Child Health Services approach that meets the individual client health nees and provides high quality services. The Report has recommended an essential package of services with emphasis on improved access and quality.

The Government of India has formulated an action plan for reorientation of the family welfare programme to a Reproductive and Child Health Approach. The important features of the Action Plan include improving quality and outreach of services, decentralised participatory planning, promotion of spacing methods among younger age couples, special focus on lagging districts, involving voluntary and non-Governmental organisations to promote community participation and strengthening of interventions to promote maternal and Child Health Care.

[Translation]

Passports of Officers of Public Sector Undertakings

3501. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether guidelines in regard to issuing official passport to officers/employees of public sector undertakings while going aboard on official work, has been abolished from June 1, 1995;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to revive it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. A policy decision was taken in May, 1'995 that officials working in Public Sector Undertakings would no longer be entitled to official passport.

(b) It was decided in present circumstances it would be appropriate to treat all Public Sector Undertakings on par with commercial organisations as they were primarily transacting commercial business.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to revive the facility to grant official passport to officials in Public Sector Undertakings.

Irrigation Facilities in Mewat Region

3502. CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have assured to provide financial assistance for the construction of Mewat Canal;

(b) if so, the details and the quantum of funds proposed to be provided therefor;

(c) whether the Government have also approved an irrigation project for Mewat region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated cost and funds released for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Birth Place of Netaji

3503. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the utter neglect of Janakinath Bhawan in Cuttack where Netaji was born and Giddapahan in Darjeeling district of West Bengal where Netaji built his home in the late thirties;

(b) the special efforts have been made during the centenary year to preserve these symbols of national heritage and legacy of freedom fighter;

(c) whether North Bengal University had sent a proposal to the State Government for conversion in to a study centre-cum-museum; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The National Committee for the celebration of birth centenary of Netaju has already decided to set up a suitable memorial, preferably in the form of a museum, in Netaji's ancestral house at Cuttack. Similarly, an INA memorial would be developed at Moirang. Already existing Swatantrata Sangram Sangrahalaya and Swatantrata Senani Smarak (Red Fort-Salimgarh Fort Complex. Delhi) would also be strengthened.

There is, however, no proposal with regard to preservation of the house at Giddapahan in Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

(c) and (d) Information in this regard has been sought from the Government of West Bengal.